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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN AIRPORT RENTS AND FEES

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1. PANAM AND SENAT INFORMED MISSION OF SENAT JULY 3
OFFER OF LOW TEGEL RENTS TO PERMIT BOTH PANAM AND
BRITISH AIRWAYS TO MOVE TO TEGEL DEC 1 OR FEB 1 WITH
NO FARE INCREASE. TEGEL RENTS WOULD BE NO HIGHER
THAN PRESENT TEMPELHOF RENTS FOR TWO YEARS THIS
WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY THREE ANNUAL STEP INCREASES SO
THAT TEGEL SOUTH RENTS WOULD IN FIVE YEARS REACH
LEVELS PROPOSED LAST YEAR, EACH RENT INCREASE TO BE
ACCOMPANIED BY FARE INCREASE. SENAT WOULD PAY FOR
ONE-TIMING MOVING COSTS. SENAT MAKING SAME OFFER TO
BA JULY 5, WILL SEEK FRG CONCURRENCE JULY 8
AND WANTS ANSWER FROM AIRLINES IN TIME FOR
PRESENTATION TO ABGEORDNETENHAUS JULY 9. PANAM
(RUNNETTE) THINKS OFFER IS ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDED
PANAM GETS SOME HELP IN FINANCING ADDITIONAL GROUND
EQUIPMENT NEEDED AT TEGEL (COSTS WHICH SENAT NOW
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THINKS AIRLINES SHOULD BEAR). IF AGREEMENT REACHED

WITH AIRLINES, SENAT SUGGESTS ITEMS BE DISCUSSED
IN BCATAG WITH OBJECTIVE OF ALLIED ANSWER TO
JUNE 27, 1973 REQUEST ON TEGEL RENTS INCORPORATING
SUBSTANCE OF AGREEMENT.

2. RE SENAT REQUEST AT JUNE 27, 1974 BCATAG
MEETING FOR CAA DECISION ON TEGEL RENTS PRIOR TO
NEGOTIATION WITH AIRLINES, MISSION NOTES THAT
PROVISION IN PARA 2.I. OF 1 APRIL 1952 BFG-HICOG
AGREEMENT THAT CONTRACTS WITH AIRLINES ARE "SUBJECT
TO APPROVAL OF HI COG" TENDS TO SUPPORT PRESENT
ALLIED POSITION THAT NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT SHOULD
PRECEDE ALLIED ACTION. SENAT SEEMS ALSO TO HAVE
REACHED SAME CONCLUSION

3. MISSION REP RAISED AT BCATAG MEETING USE OF
OCCUPATION FUNDS AS POSSIBLE MEANS TO COVER
CERTAIN EXPENDITURES. INFORMAL SENAT REACTION IN
BERLIN HAS NOT BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC.

4. SENAT HAS EXCLUDED REQUESTED LANDING FEE
INCREASE FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH AIRLINES IN BELIEF
THIS IS SEPARABLE ISSUE. MISSION BELIEVES IT SHOULD
NOT BE KEPT SEPARATE BECAUSE LANDING FEE INCREASE
COULD FORCE FARE INCREASE EVEN IF RENTS KEPT LOW.
MISSION THEREFORE RECOMMENDS THAT CAA ACTION ON
REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE IN SENAT-AIRLINE AGREEMENT,
IF AND WHEN RECEIVED, CONFIRM ALLIED INTENT TO
KEEP LANDING FEES AS WELL AS TEGEL RENTS AT LEVEL
NOT TO EXCEED PRESENT TEMPELHOF COSTS.KLEIN

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